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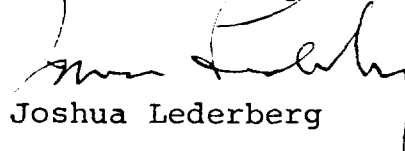
Dear Mr. Cisneros:

I have your letter of September 7 describing your efforts at improving educational opportunity for Chicano children in the Southwestern United States. Having moved fairly recently from Stanford University in California I have nothing but admiration for the progress already demonstrated by many students from this cultural background; and of course I realize that there is much more that needs to be done.

I am not certain whether you have correctly identified our institution and for that reason am enclosing a brochure that succinctly summarizes what we do. As a biomedical research institute our connection with educational policy is limited to the more advanced stages: which is not to disclaim responsibility for taking account of the aspirations and activities to which you are dedicated. We would certainly give the most sympathetic consideration to Chicano candidates who were well-prepared for entry and advancement into scientific careers; and indeed I hope there would be more encouragement towards this career choice than was evident among the Chicano students whom I met at Stanford.

If you could suggest the specific areas of cooperative interest that you might have in mind I would be happy to hear from you by telephone or to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg

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